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The Adjutant General's Office
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20315

Attention: Mr. Charles C. Abb

22-532 Pentagon

Dear Mr. Abb:

Although the attached request (AGAR-S-9043) of 29 May 1969 was answered and closed on 11 July 1969 I recently found that the original referenced documents were retained in our files and copies were returned to you in July.

I believe it is better for you to have these documents which you originally sent to us for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

CIA Records Administration Officer

Attachments:

Doc #26-125 thru 26-135
for AGAR-S (9043)

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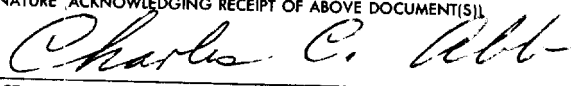
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11 July 1969

Major General Kenneth G. Wickham
The Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20315

Dear General Wickham:

Your letter dated 29 May 1969 to the Central Intelligence Agency, forwarding certain documents for possible declassification and release to Lt. Colonel James M. Erdmann (Retired), an unofficial researcher, has been referred to this office for comments. The Strategic Services Unit is responsible for the residual activities of the Office of Strategic Services.

A thorough review of the documents (attached) consisting of material concerning Psychological Warfare operations by the Maquis and OSS has been completed. The Director, Strategic Services Unit indicates no objection to the proposed declassification and release to Lt. Colonel Erdmann of the documents bearing Serial Numbers from 26-124 thru 26-133, inclusive; providing this matter is also coordinated with the Department of State for consideration of the effect, if any, that the release of subject documents might have on the position of the United States Government in its international relations activities. However, in the best interest of the U. S. Government, it is recommended that documents bearing Serial Numbers 26-134 and 26-135 not be declassified or released to Lt. Colonel James M. Erdmann.

We regret the delay in replying to your request dated 29 May 1969.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

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Attachments:

a/s

CB:am

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Strategic Services Unit

SUBJECT : Army Request to Declassify OSS Document

The U.S. Army Adjutant General has requested Agency comments concerning the proposed declassification and release to LTC James M. Erdmann (Retired), an unofficial researcher, of the attached documents concerning psychological warfare operations by the Magnums and OSS. A review in the Office of the Adjutant General indicated no objection to the declassification. May I have your evaluation and comments on the advisability of Agency concurrence in this declassification action.

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Chief, Support Services Staff

Attachment:

Twelve pages stamped:
#26-124 thru #26-135

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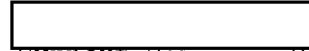
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The attached arrived from the Army asking if we have any objection to the declassification of the attachments. We may take either of two actions.

help do it this way { I suggest that if you feel we should prepare the Agency response that we xerox the package and send a coordination copy to the Director of Security, DDS and Chief, SSU, DDP as follows:

The U.S. Army Adjutant General has requested Agency comments concerning the downgrading of the attached material. May I have your evaluation and comments on the advisability of Agency concurrence in such an action.

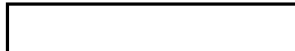


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Or if you feel we should turn the matter over to Director of Security to handle we could send it as is with a note as follows:

The attached material from the U.S. Army Adjutant General concerns the Security classification downgrading of OSS documents and was received by the CIA Records Administration Officer. I believe it more appropriate for the Agency response on this security matter to be from the Office of Security. If you agree please evaluate the attached material and respond to the Adjutant General and let me know when the action has been completed in order to close the case in this office.



Chief, Support Services Staff

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Let me know your preference.

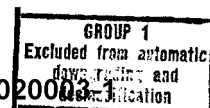


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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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AGAR-S (9043)

29 MAY 1969

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Office of Security
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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Representatives of the National Archives and Records Service have forwarded the attached document for review for possible declassification and release to LTC James M. Erdmann (Retired), an unofficial researcher.

This document consists of material concerning psychological warfare operations by the Maquis and OSS. A review of this document by this Department indicated no objection to its declassification and release. Therefore, we propose to declassify it for release subject to your concurrence.

Request your comments concerning the proposed declassification and release of subject document to LTC Erdmann.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Wickham

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

Incl
Correspondence & Directives
concerning Psychological
Warfare Operations by the
Maquis and OSS, 12 pages,
of which 2 are SECRET, and
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request for Access to OSS Records

I received a call from a Mr. Taborn, Adjutant General's Office, requesting permission to view certain microfilm reels, in their possession, concerned with the Surrender of German Forces in Italy.

He indicated that as this document had been created by OSS he was required to obtain the Agency's approval to view this material

I informed Mr. Taborn that I would check on this and that we'd be in touch with him within the hour.

I called [REDACTED] DDP, who is our liaison on OSS matters and told him of this request.

He took Mr. Taborn's number (11-70811) and said he'd take care of this.

In less than five minutes [REDACTED] informed me that he had talked to Mr. Taborn and that he would handle the request.

[REDACTED]